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Charleston July 7th 1876

Thomas F. Clemson Esq
Pendleton SC

cc 26.

My Dear Sir

Your kind letter of the 28th ult is at hand, and I am obliged by your invitation to visit you at Fork Hill. My movements however are very uncertain, and I fear that I shall not be able to get away from Charleston. Like yourself I have no fancy for crowds and sight-seeing. I have therefore no idea of going to Philadelphia, although I doubt not, well worthy a journey to those of different tastes & more curiosity.

We are having intensely hot weather the thermometer for a week having ranged from 91 to 96. On the 28th June it reached 98. I should think it too hot even for the crops of cotton, corn &c. & what with low prices & a bad trade on both sides of the Atlantic, with threatened war in the East, bad as is the present, I see no lightening up in the future.

I send you a statement of your acct to date. Balance to your credit \$280. which draw for, or I will remit as you may desire. I enclose also an acct with Mr. Sidney Lee Esq. balance to his credit \$76.32 which he can draw for, or I can remit as he desires. Pray send him the account.

Robert is spending the summer with us & is well. Mrs. Young is quite feeble & has lost much in flesh.

We are all pleased with the nomination of Tilden & Hendricks.

Yours very truly

A Gordon

July 7th 1876
St. Cloud

Dear Mr. [unclear]

Received of [unclear]

for [unclear]

[The main body of the document contains several paragraphs of handwritten text, which is largely illegible due to extreme fading and bleed-through from the reverse side. The text appears to be a formal record or receipt, mentioning various names and amounts.]

Respectfully,
[Signature]